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REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20-22 and 27-31 have been amended. Claims 8-9 and 23-24 have been canceled. No claims have been allowed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-34 were rejected as being anticipated by Pogue (PalmPilot: The Ultimate Guide, ISBN: 1-56592-600-0), hereinafter "Pogue". Pogue teaches the features of a PalmPilot circa 1998, which do not include the novel features disclosed and claimed by Applicant. For example, in Chapter 1, on page 4, lines 8-11, Pogue teaches: "to make the menus go away, either make a selection from one of the them, or – if none of the commands strikes your fancy – tap anywhere else on the screen to put the menu away without making a choice." In other words, the user can tap a menu button (lines 4-7) to make the menu appear, but must use strike or tap somewhere on the display, away from the menu, to make the menu disappear. This is in contrast to Applicant's invention as claimed, which includes a processor configured to:

- process navigation input to navigate to the menu bar of the active first menu, including navigation input to cause the menu bar of the active first menu to be selectable;
 - process selection input when the menu bar is selectable, wherein the navigation input and the selection input are generated by the user actuating a same user-interactive feature; and
 - cancel activation of the first menu from the display in response to the menu bar of that menu being selected by selection input.
- (claim 1 as amended)

In one embodiment of the invention claimed in claim 1, with reference to Figure 1A, a user can navigate to the menu bar using a user-interactive feature such as element 116, and cancel the menu by using the same user-interactive feature. This essentially allows the user to display a menu, navigate, and cancel the menu with one thumb or finger. Pogue simply does not disclose, teach, or suggest such a functionality anywhere.

Applicants respectfully disagree that Chapter 1, on page 4, lines 8-11, of Pogue can be interpreted as "cancel navigation of the first menu from the display in response to the menu bar of that menu being selected by the selection input" as stated in the Office Action.

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Nowhere does Pogue describe cancellation of a menu by selecting the same menu bar. Pogue similarly fails to disclose cancellation of a menu using the same input method used to display and/or navigate to or through the menu being cancelled. Pogue only describes canceling a menu by selecting an item on the menu by tapping it, or by tapping away from the menu. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 as amended is not anticipated by Pogue.

Claims 2-7 and 9-21 depend from claim 1 and include further limitations thereon. Therefore, Applicant submits that these claims are allowable for the same reasons as discussed with reference to claim 1.

Claim 22 includes a processor configured to:

...while the one or more sets of menu items are active, process input corresponding to actuation of any one of the actuatable mechanisms as the menu function assigned to the actuated actuatable mechanism, wherein the menu function assigned to each of the actuatable mechanisms corresponds to one of the menu functions selected from the group of menu functions consisting of navigation input, selection input to select a menu item, and selection input to select cancellation of the one or more active sets of menu items.

(claim 22 as amended)

Applicant respectfully submits that Pogue lacks at least any teaching regarding the actuatable mechanisms corresponding to one of navigation input, selection input, and selection input to select cancellation of the one or more active sets of menu items. As previously discussed, Pogue teaches that cancellation requires tapping on the display. For this reason, Pogue actually teaches away from an actuatable mechanism as claimed that corresponds to the functions claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 and its dependent claims 25-30 are not anticipated by Pogue.

Claim 31 includes a processor configured to:
processor being configured to:

...detect an input corresponding to a menu request;
activate a first menu on the display in response to the menu request; and
process lateral navigation input to cancel activation of the first menu,
wherein the input corresponding to the menu request, and the lateral navigation input are each caused by activation of the same user-interactive feature.

(claim 31 as amended)

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Pogue does not disclose or suggest at least process lateral navigation input to cancel activation of the first menu, wherein the input corresponding to the menu request, and the lateral navigation input are each caused by activation of the same user-interactive feature. For this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 31 and its dependent claims 32-34 are not anticipated by Pogue.

CONCLUSION

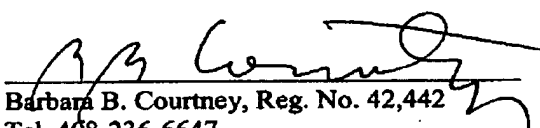
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-7, 10-22, and 25-34 are in condition for allowance. The allowance of the claims is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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